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SPECIAL MEDIA EVENT
Joint Press Conference

*Tuesday, August 24, 2004
11:00 a.m.*

FORT POLK, LA. — Members of the Louisiana National Guard, Fort Polk, Coast Guard and the Naval Reserves will hold a joint press conference 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at the Jackson Barracks Museum to unveil the details of the upcoming “Louisiana Home Front Celebration”.

In unison with Louisiana communities across the state, the event has been titled “A Louisiana Home Front Celebration” – Service members, Families, and Communities Serving Together with Pride. This celebration will honor and recognize all Louisiana members of the armed forces –Army, Army Reserve, the Louisiana Army and Air National Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard and military families during a one-day public event.

The September 25, 2004 event will include a ticker-tape style parade akin to a World War II celebration to honor and recognize the service of our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, Marines and Coast Guard men and women of the Active, Reserve Component and National Guard assigned to military activities/installations across the state.

Following the parade, events will continue with celebrity entertainment, hometown community carnival activities, military reenactments, food, fun and much more. The celebration will conclude with a free performance by country music star, Aaron Tippin.

Thousands are expected to participate, and community involvement is key to the success of the large-scale event. In partnership with the city of Leesville, statewide registration to participate in the event is underway.

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